Messrs Wm Meredith
and
Horace Binney } Esquires

Gentlemen

Inclosed is a Copy of a Report of the Committee appointed by Vestry to confer with you relative to an Organ for St. Peters Church by which you will see that I am directed to inform you that you have leave to dispose of all the Materials of the Old Organ in St. Peters Church and apply the proceeds towards the erection of a New one, with leave also to lower the back part of the Floor of the Organ loft on a level with the front part of it, and to express the Anxiety of the Members of St. Peters Church to see the business accomplished with as little delay as possible.

I am Gentlemen
with great Respect
Your Humble Servt.

April 13. 1813

Tho. Cumpston
Ch. Warden

The Committe to whom was referred the Letter of Messrs. Meredith and Binney addressed to Doctr White relative to an Organ for Saint Peters Church.

Report that they have had a conference with these Gentlemen, have received the Organ of St. Pauls Church in order to know the space it occupies as well as to form some opinion of its powers.

The Committee are of opinion that with very little alteration the Organ loft of Saint Peters Church will be rendered sufficiently large to contain an Organ of greater powers than are wanted to fill Saint Peters Church, the committe are further of opinion that all the materials of the old Organ should be placed at the disposal of these gentlemen

Who will use their discreation as to the
Old Case. 4th proposition" is it possible
to Calculate on any pecuniary aid from
the church in its corporate character in
case the requesit amount of donations
cannot be obtained?" this is a proper
and instant question, The Organ of St.
Pauls Cost more than five thousand
dollars. from this it may be reasonably
inferred that an Organ for Saint Peters
Church tho somewhat smaller will cost
at least four thousand dollars exclu
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their proportions, and if it shall be found
that a Sufficient sum cannot be raised
by Voluntary Subscriptions, it will rest
with the Vestry to devise the means to
supply the deficiency it is therefore to
be hoped that the Gent.n will proceed
with the Business of their undertaking.
Resolved that the Church Warden inform
Messrs. Meredith and Berry that
the have leave to dispose of all the
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1813. Apl 13.
Thomas Cumpston

William Meredith & Horace Binney Esqrs

Mr Meredith

New York June 28th 1813

We are sorry that any delay should have taken place in concluding the business in question and hope to be excused by assigning as a cause the detention of Mr Gib at Phila in consequence of sickness on the part of his wife — After considering well the plan submitted to us suggested by yourself and Mr Benny by the with Mr Gib we have as you will observe by comparison made some alterations which we consider essential and have eventually formed the following plan —

Case —

Solid Frame should be as cast possible —

Stops number and Kind —

Great Organ

1 — Stop diapason
2 — Open diapason
3 — Principal
4 — Duleciana 8 feet —
5 — 12th
6 — 15th
7 — Furee
8 — Sequalter 3 ranks throughout —
9 — Cornet — 5 ranks from c' —
10 — Trumpet —

Choir & Swell on the same row of keys —

1 — Stop diapason — Choir —
2 — Flute — Do
3 — Principal — Do
4 — 15th — Do
1 — Stop diapason Swell
2 — Open diapason Do
3 — Duleciana — D
4 — Hautboy — D —
Total — 18 — Stops —

Movements —

1 — a pedal for the foot to disunite the choir from the Swell —
2 — Do — Do — Swell from Choir —
3 — a Couple to connect great organ with Choir & Swell —
4 — a pedal to produce increase and diminution of tone in the Swell —

Price of Organ	$4500
Expense of transportation	35
Expense of Packing	250
& Cartage from wharf to Church	10
Traveling expenses for two persons to put up organ	40
Board and lodging for Do during time of putting up	30
	$4865

You will please to observe that the alterations made in the plan of former make the organ considerably more expensive and as the price appears was as low as we could afford, they of course preclude all possibility of taking any less

The following will give you an idea of the comparative size and expense of this and Grace church Organ —

Grace Church —

Great Organ number of pipes.

1	Stop diapason	58
2	Open diapason	58
3	Principal	58
4	Dulciana 8 feet	58
5	12th	58
6	15th	58
7	Furneaux	58
8	Sesquialtra from GG to middle C' 4 ranks	112
9	Cornet from middle C'	120
10	Trumpet	58
		696

Choir Organ

1	Stop diapason	58
2	Principal	58
3	Violdegamba	58
4	Dulciana 4 feet	58
5	Flute	58
		290

St Peters Church Organ —

Do	58
Do	58
Do	58
Do	58
Do	58
Do	58
Do	58
Do 3 ranks throughout	174
Do 5 ranks	150
Do	58
	788

Choir Organ

Do	58
Do	58
15th	58
Do	58
	232

Swell over leaf —

Swell

1	Opendiapason
2	Stop diapason
3	Violdegamba
4	Hautboy
5	Cromona

Grace Church Total 1

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1 – Opendiapason	35
2 – Stop diapason	35
3 – Dulcejamba	35
4 – Hautboy	35
5 – Cromona	35
	175
	696
	290
Grace Church Organ Total	1161

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Do	35
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Steere's Organ Total	1160

We feel able to promise the completion of the Organ in a year, but as many things may occur to delay the accomplishment of so extensive a piece of work, we should not be willing to forfeit more than our word in case of failure — The money to be paid by instalments viz $600 to bind the agreement, $1500 to be paid on the completion of the Organ and the rest during the year aforesaid in equal instalments at the interval of two months — We consider the deduction on Grace Church Organ very liberal and have no doubt but that on a due comparison you will be of the same opinion — As to the old Organ there is no part of it that could possibly be of any service to us but the metal, which we hardly think worth the expence of taking down and transportation We would advise you to sell it to the highest bidder and really think it would fetch more so than otherwise, for considering the size and extent of the Organ we are to build we could neither do justice to you nor ourselves — we must in deducting the least amount from the price of $4500 which we must offer as the lowest for which we could possibly afford to make you an Organ of the foregoing plan — Cost of transportation to be on your a/c — We presume this letter comprises every necessary particular, if not

be kind enough to acquaint us and we will always with pleasure be satisfying you in any respect —

We remain Sir with all respect
your Humble Servants
John Gaib & Son

N.B. The contract to be made by the firm —

John Gaib & Son
June 28. 1813

Wm Meredith Esq.
Philadelphia

Mr. Meredith

New York July 13th 1803

Sir

Your favour of July 1st we have had the pleasure to receive — Agreeably to a former understanding we take the liberty to trouble you with an A/C, comprising the expences of Mr Gail & our self during a few days stay at Philadelphia — Conse- quent to your wish that no further communi- cations should be made on the subject of the Organ we will only express our regret that notwithstanding all our pains to elu- cidate you should yet conceive we wish to charge you more than other congregations and take the liberty to inform you of the error of your opinion and our desire to serve you at a subsequent period —

Your Humble Servants

John Gail & Sons

Mr. Meredith

To John Gait Jun. Dr.

New York July 13th

1813 — To a trip to Phila. $50—00

Stage hire and expenses
on the road to & fro — 20—00

Two days on the road &
four days at Phila. at $5 30—00

$100—00

John Gelb & Son

July 13. 1813

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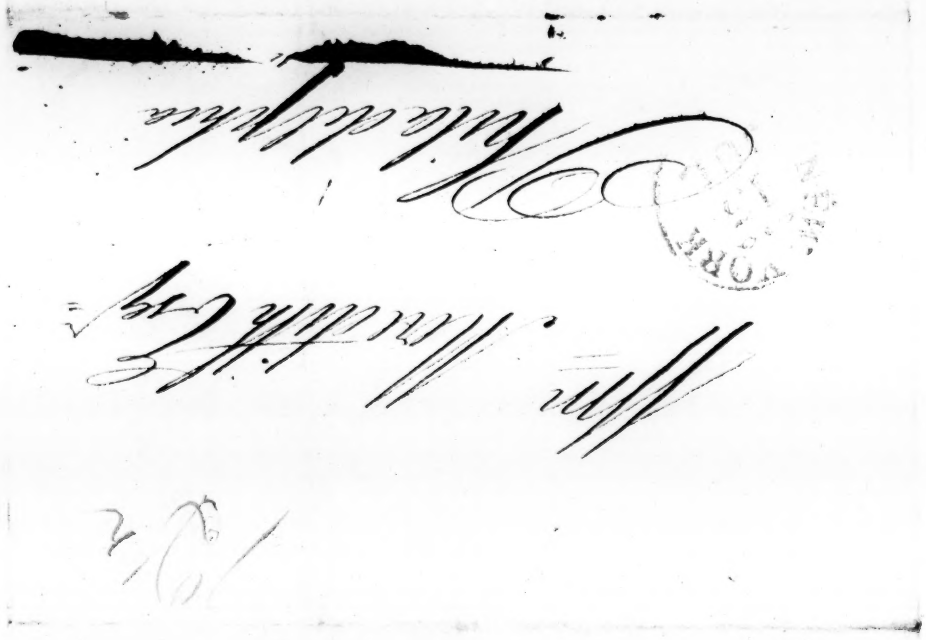

M. Meredith New York July 21st 1813

Sir

Your letter of the 15th Inst is receiv
that you would object one moment to the
charge of fifty dollars was entirely contrary
to our expectation when we made it —
What you consider reasonable is hard to ima-
give since you pronounce that charge
unreasonable which does not cover the loss
incurred — you consider time as unchargeable
for why we cannot tell, to us it appears
evident that if a man was only repaid
money expended he would be very little
in pocket at the years end if any —
From the result of this business we are
not able to conclude what could have
been your motive in applying to us, if it
was not to procure our plans and service
with the promise from some other to render
the expence of procuring them by calling us
to Phil[a] amply compensated by making
the Bryan for some hundreds less —

If this be the case of which we should be sorry to assure you, we think the small sum of fifty dollars ought not to be objected to; for believe us Sir it does not justly compensate us, which if you are willing to do on a correct computation being made, we are willing to relinquish our claim—

We request with you with the prospect pleasant reasonable conclusions of building you an organ and had it been independent of any thing else, four days which Mr Jeib says were fully spent in conformity to your own regulations would have been little enough considering the fatigue of traveling—he boarded at Mrs Taylors 50 100 South 8th street at $1 per day— To supersede the trouble of communicating to any other person on the subject we herewith acknowledge the receipt of fifty dollars the only sum we are willing to accept—

Your Humble Servants

John Geib & Son

John Geib & Son

July 27. 1813.

William Meredith
&
Horace Binney
} Esquires

Gentlemen

A Copy of a proposed article of agreement between you and Mr Lowe, Organ builder was read to the Vestry for their Sanction.

The Vestry unanimously Resolved that a respectful answer should be made to Messrs. Meredith & Binney informing them that the Trustees of the Churches will not permit themselves being a party to that agreement.

I am Gentlemen
with great respect
your Humble Servt.
Tho Cumpston
Church Warden

Philad.a 29 July 1813

Tho. Cumpston

29th July 1813

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William Meredith
&
Horace Binney
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Articles of agreement made and concluded this day of
Anno Domini 1813 between John Lowe of the County
of Philadelphia Organ Builder of the first part and William
Meredith & Horace Binney of the City of Philadelphia, in
behalf of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, of
the United Churches of Christ, St Peters and St James's
in the said City of the second parts, Witnesseth, That
the said John Lowe for and in consideration of the sum
of Four Thousand dollars together with the Organ now
in St Peters Church which the said John Lowe is to have
and dispose of for his own use upon the completion of
this Contract to be paid to him by the parties in the
second part in the manner herein after mentioned he the said
John Lowe for himself his heirs and executors doth cov-
enant with the said parties of the second part, their
respective executors, administrators and assigns, that he
will build and put up in St Peters Church in the City
of Philadelphia, a handsome, compleat, and well finished
Organ Sixteen feet wide and twenty one feet high, to be
Contained in a handsome Mahogany case, the fronts and
Ornaments to be handsomely gilt and every thing to be
Compleat agreable to a plan and Schedule hereunto annexed,
by or before the . . . . day of . . in the Year
One Thousand eight hundred and fourteen

In consideration whereof the said parties of the second part do covenant and agree to and with the said John Lowe to pay unto him the sum of Four Thousand dollars in the following manner that is to say. one third part thereof within Thirty days after the sealing and delivery of these presents, one other third part thereof when the said Organ shall be half finished. and the remainder in Thirty days after the said Organ shall be completely finished and put up in the said St Peters Church. And for the true performance of these articles on his part, the said John Lowe is to give satisfactory security to the said parties of the second part, within Twenty days after the sealing and delivery of these presents. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written

Sealed & delivered
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Great

1 Open diapason
2. Stopt. diapason
3. dulciana
4 Principal
5. Night Horn
6. Twelfth
7. Flute
8. Sesquealtra - 4
9 Cornett — 5
10. Fifteenth
11. Trumpet —

Choir

1 Stopt diapason
2. Open
3 Principal —
4 Twelfth
5. Flute
6. Cornett
7. Hautboy

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The Schedule referred to in the foregoing Agreement

The Compass of the Keys to be from double G to
F, in alt. Long octave —

Great Organ

1 Open diapason
2. Stopt. diapason
3. dulciana
4 Principal
5. Night Horn
6. Twelfth
7. Flute
8. Sesquialtra — 4 Ranks
9 Cornett — 5 Ranks
10. Fifteenth
11. Trumpet — to draw in halves

Choir & Swell, to be connected as One

1 Stopt diapason
2 Open ~~flute~~. to Gammut G.
3 Principal —
4 ~~Fifteenth~~
5. ~~Flute~~
6. Cornett
7. Hautboy

The organ to have

1. Pedal Pipes
2 a coupling movement to connect the great organ with the choir and Swell
3. Two sets of Keys - Ivory with Ebony Sharps & two bellows

M. Meredith New York Sep. 2d 1813—

Sir)

Pursuant to your request, we have looked at your letter dated April 5th, in which you state, "should we not eventually come to an agreement with you, we shall hold ourselves liable to defray the expenses of your journey here, and back" this evidently implies travelling expenses, but, on the perusal of your letter, we justly conceived, that your intention was to compensate, and not leave us in the end to be the worse for your employ — We presume your estimate of your expenses, from Mr Sibbs going to Baltimore to fetch her note — This circumstance, which occasioned an unfortunate delay at Phila, would not have occurred, nor, such an unnecessary expense incurred as, had it not been, for the opportunity which your business afforded,

and the opinion we has, that it would render the transaction of the business more easy to ourselves — We have attended similar business in England, and in this country, and were always compensated for loss of time; for which reason we do not strictly observe the binding terms of your letter — you know that you sent Mr Baring, on like disposed to do us justice, and as we wish no more and are unfortunately not able to convince you of the propriety of our claim, we will leave the decision to your better judgement

I remain Sir your Humble Servt

John Gibb & Sons

John Gelb
Sept. 2d 1813

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Wm. J. Meredith Esq

Philadelphia

To the Right Revd. the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Peters Church, Philadelphia.

The Remonstrance of Rayner Taylor Organist of said Church,

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Remonstrant having performed his duty as an Organist of St. Peters, for a series of years for the humble Salary of Ninety three dollars and $\frac{32}{100}$ per annum, and finding such Salary an inadequate compensation for his professional skill and attendance, especially at the present period, when most of the necessaries of Life bear such a price, and House rent is at so high a rate, besides the fatigue inseparable from (he hopes) the strict discharge of your Remonstrants' duty, through the various seasons of the year, the oppressive heats of Summer, and the inclement rigours of Winter, with due deference, Solicits an increase of Salary as in your Judgement and consideration, Gentlemen, you may deem sufficient for the services of your faithful and Obed.t Servt.

Rayner Taylor.

14th Septbr 1813.

Philadelphia,
No. 62 North 3d above Arch Street.

R Taylor's

Remonstrance

M. Meredith

New York Sep. 29th 1813

Sir)

We wrote to you on the 2d Inst and having received no answer, we take the liberty to request it of you, & remain

Yours John Gibb & Son

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Wm Meredith. Esqr

Philadelphia

July 5th 1813

Philad[a] Oct[r] 1813

The Subscribers members of the United Episcopal Churches having been informed that at a recent meeting of the Vestry of the said Churches it was Resolved that twenty five p[r] Cent be added to the pew Rents - the distresses and privations with which the people in general have to undergo in these times of Calamity makes them less able to bear any further augmentation of exactions upon them Their motive for addressing you at this time is that you would be pleased to call a meeting of Vestry in order to reconsider the aforesaid Resolution that a further investigation may take place and in their Judgment to Repeal or Suspend the same until the Congregations be better able to meet any further burthens upon them

Wm Adams

Wm Smith Jun[r]
Benj[n] Shoppe
James Shedaker
Sept[s] Paterson
James Thompson
Walter Mitchell

Fraley Blackiston
Danie Ritter
Wm Hawks
Wm Simmons
Patrick Carson
Jane Duche

John Delavan
James Gowland
Malcom Mc Leran
John Graves
Peter Gordon

Elizabeth Remington
Hannah Caspan
Eliza McDougall-Caspan
Sarah Baird
Hannah Kennedy
Susanah Remington
Peace Wadman
Ann Pickel
Sarah McCullagh
Jemima McKeever
Hannah Cambell
Ann Price
Elizabeth Shutters

John Baton
James Cornish
James Carver
Alexander Greave
David Hare
George Randall
John Batton
Simeon Reynolds
Wm Wiggleworth
Elijah Williams
Thos. Millard
Joseph Williams

Israel Roads
Benjn Thomas
Jeremiah Tatem
Jacob Clark
Ellis Clark
Benjn Clark
Geo. B. Shiras
Bankson Taylor
Charles Richards
Fredk Steelwagon

Richard Willing
Richard Barrington
James Hamm
William Hamm
Samuel Martin
Hannah Wood
Sarah Burkhard
Zachariah Tesh
Wm Montgomery

Sir

An opportunity, offering of being Organist of St. Pauls with a Salary adequate to my wishes, and an Excellent Instrument to perform on, I have by the advice of some Friends, Embraced it—therefore am under the necessity of informing you, after next Friday I shall be obliged to discontinue playing at St James's—if the Vestry should think my past Services at their Church, worthy of some Compensation, I leave it to them what to do.

I am with respect
Your Most Obed.
R Taylor

Philadelphia.
15th. Novbr 1818